

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

FROM: Jane Mason
FBI

TO: Martha R. Steincamp
Deputy Regional Counsel

Re: Saturday, September 6, 1986, Investigation of
Removal of PCB Contaminated Items from Sharon
Hays' Rental Property

Before relating Mason's findings, this incident initially reported by Mayor Brillhart to our spill number, Joe Joslin was on call, and the FBI. Joe called me after 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. He had tried earlier, but I wasn't home. He had already requested Jeff Weatherford, TAT, who was going to St. Louis - Minker-Stout site, to go to Holdn and vicinity to check out report. Joe tried to call George Hess for details, but couldn't reach him so he talked with Bob Fine, TAT, who accompanied George Hess last Wednesday to the various properties where materials from the Rose site were taken, and to determine if they were still at those locations.

Bob Fine apparently gave directions to Sharon Hays' rental property. Joe said Weatherford would be calling in after he got on scene for further instructions because he knew little about Martha C. Rose case. I told Joe some questions for Jeff to ask, suggested pictures (if had a camera) and advised what to do if told to leave property. I told Joe I'd call FBI.

I called FBI, Jane Mason was there as they had received call from Mayor. We discussed her going there to investigate. Our report was that a forklift, coke machine and tank were moved. Ruben was at work so I called him. Issue was whether anything was moved which we knew by sample results was contaminated. AUSA Mary Schneider was reluctant to authorize Jane Mason to go down without knowing that we were certain something we had verified was contaminated, was moved. Her reluctance, I later found out was based on Jane's request for advice on arrest authority.

A few more calls among Joslin, Weatherford, Steincamp, Mason, Schneider, McCullers, finally elicited information that a trailer was moved and the stuff on the trailer which the reporter could identify were the coke machine, tank and welder. Ruben said if a whole trailer was removed, then



there was something contaminated on it which we had verified by analytical results on sample. Based on this, AUSA Schneider authorized Jane to go to Holden and check out the report.

Jane called me on Sunday afternoon to tell me what she found. She said Jeff Weatherford, TAT, was there when she and June arrived. He said when he arrived, men there didn't know anything (not even their names) when questioned. They said they had already removed one trailer and would be removing all remaining trailers (3), but wouldn't give specifics. When Jane arrived, no one but Jeff was around. He turned over his film to Jane and left for St. Louis. Joslin had told him at my request, to copy his notes and Federal Express them back to me.

Jane went to the Scott's (adjoining farm) and interviewed them. When she returned to the site, two trucks arrived, one was red and gold which Mrs. Scott had described as the one which hauled the trailer away. Someone who said he was owner of property came and told truckers to leave, that material was not to be removed. Jane and June followed red and gold truck to Odessa, Missouri.

She interviewed truck driver - name is Dick Wagoner, owner of Wagoner Trucking Co., Odessa, Missouri. He said he was hired to haul 4 trailers of material to Charlotte street location in Kansas City, Missouri. His wife said she received a call from someone who identified himself as J. Carolan to hire Wagoner to haul the trailers to Charlotte Street address and be paid \$200 per load. Wagoner said when he arrived with first trailer, he was met by J. Carolan and paid \$200 in cash.

Jane said she looked in Rebecca Wagoner's address book and saw the name J. Carolan with two phone numbers - 913-642-3603 and 816-421-4391. Mrs. Wagoner said someone named Joyce originally called about trucking services. (Jane said someone named Joyce helped Dwight Thomas move documents to McCoy shed).

Jane asked about other truck with Wagoner - Mr. Wagoner said it was his brother-in-law's.

Mr. Wagoner told Jane he had asked 4 males (boys) when he arrived at Sharon Hays' property whether material came from MCR site in Holden. They said yes. He asked if it was contaminated, they said no.

Wagoner called Carolan who was to meet them at Charlotte Street address to tell him about being told to not move anything more by Mr. Hays because it was not supposed to be moved. Said Carolan offered no explanation.

I told Jane I was going to be suggesting immediate removal to get stuff back to Holden. I told her I hoped to have a meeting with every one at 10:00 a.m. Monday and that we'd be calling her afterwards to let her know.

I explained how immediate removals worked and what the issues were, i.e. whether off site policy applied. I told her it seemed best to get this stuff back to one location, in Holden, where it would be better contained and more easily "watchable." I told her we'd have to consult with generators on this. I also said I was sure we'd need warrants. I told her we probably needed to go to Charlotte address to verify what was there and take samples as necessary to document violations.

I told her there might be a complication in filing civil case with this pending criminal investigation, but that we were looking into that issue.

I asked her what they intended to quiz Sharon Hays on when they called her in. She said they would interview her first, then grand jury. I suggested maybe a line of questions to determine her knowledge or lack thereof of PCB analytical procedures might be productive - Jane said she'd like our help with a line of questions. I said we would be discussing it further.

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